

## **Yesler Terrace Community Center Siting Workshop**

May 2, 2001

Present: About 22 Yesler Terrace residents and service providers attended this workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to gather attendees' reactions to three potential sites for the community center. Interpreters for Amharic, Tigrinia, Somali, Oromo, Vietnamese and Chinese were provided. Child care was also provided.

Ellen Kissman, Seattle Housing Authority Senior Development Analyst, opened the meeting by introducing the project team:

SHA: Ellen Kissman, Judi Carter

DPR: Pat Elder, Toby Ressler, Arthur Banks

Weinstein/Copeland Architects: Lee Copeland and Brodie Bain

Lee Copeland and Brodie Bain walked the participants through the results of the site evaluation, taking questions and comments throughout.

The three site options presented were all located along Yesler Way. Alternative 1 was closest to 10<sup>th</sup> avenue (easternmost site); alternative 2 is at the foot of Broadway, approximately the location of the current community center; and alternative 3 was closest to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (westernmost).

A fourth alternative was proposed by Ms. Jean Arnott, Yesler Terrace resident, in which the new community center would be sited where the existing gym and Yesler Garage are located now. Ms. Arnott said that this alternative would not require removal of any housing.

After the presentation, participants were asked to rate each site according to the evaluation criteria. Twelve participants chose to do so. Results are summarized in the table below. Alternative 1 appears to be preferred. However participants noted that all evaluation criteria were weighted equally, while some criteria were more important than others and that each person would assign different weights to the criteria.

Criteria	Alternative 1 (by 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)			Alternative 2 (Existing Com. Ctr.)			Alternative 3 (by 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)		
	+	0	-	+	0	-	+	0	-
Easy access to bus	10	2	0	8	4	0	2	6	-4
Access on foot	10	2	0	8	4	0	1	6	-5
Car/parking	11	2	0	8	4	0	2	6	-4
Truck access	9	3	0	7	5	0	1	7	-4
Emergency access	11	1	0	8	4	0	1	7	-4
People w/disabilities	9	3	0	7	5	0	0	7	-5
<b>TOTAL ACCESS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-26</b>
Visibility/identity	7	5	0	10	2	0	1	7	-4
Views from site	11	1	0	6	6	0	4	6	-2

Criteria	Alternative 1 (by 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)			Alternative 2 (Existing Com. Ctr.)			Alternative 3 (by 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)		
Connections to neighborhood	8	4	0	5	7	0	0	8	-4
Relationship to Yesler Way	9	3	0	9	3	0	3	6	-3
Community focal point	9	3	0	9	3	0	1	6	-5
<b>TOTAL Connections</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-18</b>
Housing impacts	4	5	-3	8	3	-1	0	6	-6
Service provider impacts	9	3	0	3	6	-3	0	7	-5
Outdoor recreation	9	3	0	6	4	-2	1	7	-4
Personal safety	9	3	0	7	5	0	1	8	-3
Impacts on/services needed by Yesler residents	9	3	0	8	4	0	1	7	-4
<b>TOTAL Impacts</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-22</b>
Slopes	7	5	0	8	4	0	0	8	-4
Utilities	9	3	0	7	5	0	1	8	-3
Soil quality	8	4	0	6	6	0	0	8	-4
Phasing	9	3	0	3	7	-2	0	9	-3
Accommodate 20,000 square feet	9	3	0	6	6	0	1	8	-3
Future development	8	4	0	3	9	0	0	9	-3
<b>TOTAL Technical</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-20</b>
Budget	8	4	0	5	6	-2	0	9	-3
Public meeting	6	6	0	5	7	0	1	8	-3
<b>TOTAL Other</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-6</b>

Written comments from the evaluation sheets:

- Alternative 2 preferred: Convenient car access to Yesler, Broadway, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; access for people with disabilities from Yesler, Broadway, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Views from site: south, west, southeast. Housing impacts: move 10-20' west and there would be no housing impacts. No housing displacement would save SHA relocation and replacement expense.
- Service provider impacts, alternative 2: "bad because there would be no tutoring center. We need the tutoring center."
- "I like the first one and the reason why is because I think if the gym is closed the tutoring should be open so that the kids have a place to go." Alternative 3 = "out!"
- Alternative 1 "best": "Important to have some structure remain during construction; the current community room would stay open in this alternative. Lots of services need to be provided for relocated families."
- "Drop #3, and just perfect #1 or #2"
- "Prefer alternative 2: Not a great deal of difference between [1 and 2] but prefer less loss of housing."